

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1313  
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A RESOLUTION to commend Kenneth Andre Carpenter, Jr. for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Andre Carpenter is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for the House Clerk's Office; Mr. Carpenter's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the son of Kenneth Carpenter, Sr. and Teresa Cruther, and the brother of Amber Carpenter, Mr. Carpenter is a student at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), where he is highly regarded by his peers; he has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science with a concentration in Pre-Law and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, having received numerous accolades for his exemplary academic achievement, Mr. Carpenter has been selected to participate in the Tennessee Institute for Pre-Law, has been inducted into the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honors Society, is a member of the Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society, is the recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship for 2000-2005, and placed second in the 2004 NAACP Knowledge Bowl; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his school and community, Mr. Carpenter is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Incorporated, the NAACP, and Mississippi Boulevard Christian

Church, in addition to having served on the MTSU Homecoming Committee, as a participant in the 2003-2004 March of Dimes Walk of America, Special Olympics, Go-To-High-School-Go-To-College, and as a volunteer at Patterson Community Center; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding student-leader, Mr. Carpenter served as 2003 Chairman of MTSU's Chili-Cook Off, Chairman of AIDS Awareness Day, 2003 Chairman of Project Alpha, 2003 Chairman of A Voteless People is a Hopeless People, and has also served as the Historian, Corresponding Secretary, and Director of National Programs for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Kappa Xi Chapter; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Carpenter brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2004 legislative session, Mr. Carpenter has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, as he has served as the Primary Clerk for the House Education Committee and as Secondary Clerk for the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carpenter has proven to be a great asset to the House Clerk's Office, as he has filed Press Files with great diligence and accuracy, and has ably operated the House Chamber camera system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carpenter has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Kenneth Andre Carpenter, Jr. for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the House Clerk's Office and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.